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CREATING AND COPYING THE FILE SYSTEMS, WITH
WRITE ACCESS ATTRIBUTE (Amended)

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Examiner: D. T. Masdon

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
2 0 0 3	2 2 0 9 8 5	11/03	Kawamoto et al			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Y. Yasuda, et al, "Concept and Evaluation of X-NAS: a Highly Scalable NAS System", Proceedings of the 20 th IEEE/11 th NASA Goddard Conference on Mass Storage Systems and Technologies, 5pgs (double sided).

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